Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to the following Figures:

Fig. 35C - change to "Fig. 35 c" (make letter lower case) and replace "a" with —"b"—.

Fig. 35D - change to "Fig. 35d" (make letter lower case and replace "b" with — "a"—.

REMARKS

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on August 11, 2005.

The Examiner has noted that the amendment to the drawings (Fig. 36C and Fig. 36D) on page 27 of the Oct. 27, 2004 amendment were incorrect. The drawings have been amended herein to reflect that the changes should be made to Figs. 35c and 35d. An amended drawing sheet is also included herein that reflects these amendments. Thus, it is believed that all issues with the drawings have been resolved.

Claims 1-38, 41-53 and 67-78 have been rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251. As suggested by the Examiner, an appropriate supplemental declaration has been included herein. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection has been overcome.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Office Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (201) 847-6797 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-1666 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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